



River Falls Youth Hockey Association

July 26th, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday July 26th, 2009

Place: Wildcat Centre

Board Members Present: Mike Kealy, Tom Magill, Dan Briese, Marc Harer, Jon Benusa, Tracey Laesser, Pat Dolan, Dave Buck, and Jesse Getzie

Board Members Not Present: Lisa Woiwode, Karl Erickson, and Kent Manglitz

Guests: Mike Culver of Precision Sports

Notes taken by: Marc Harer

Meeting called to order @ 6pm by Mike Kealy

Approval of meeting minutes from June 28th, 2009 Board Meeting

Dave Buck motioned to approve meeting minutes, Jon Benusa 2nd motion – approved

HOCKEY OPERATIONS

- **Action Items**
- **2009' 2010' Season Ice Schedule**
 - Needs to be completed to this point.
 - *Keith Vandell* is working on providing a current Ice Schedule
- **Bantam Co-op with Baldwin**
 - Baldwin's Bantam numbers are low again this year (around 9 kids) and they are exploring their options. The Baldwin Bantams first preference is to join with River Falls (for the higher competition); a lesser alternative is to merge with Amery (also low on numbers, but playing lower level teams).
 - The RFYHA Bantam numbers are projected to be in the low 20's
 - This is typically too much for 1 team and too few for 2 teams at this level.
 - Further clarification is needed on whether Baldwin is seeking a Co-op vs. a release of their skaters.
 - The ACE Committee should review the request and provide a recommendation based on the impact to the skater's.
 - Further discussion and association involvement to take place at the August 30th Board Meeting.

- **Pee Wee Items**

- Brandon Stocker has requested to tryout at the peewee level for the 2009' 2010 season. Brandon is 10 years old (birth date 1-19-99). He is less than 19 day shy of being eligible to officially try out at the peewee level this fall. Brandon has been playing at the squirt level for the past 4 seasons.

Dave motioned to approve the request for Brandon Stocker to tryout at the peewee level based on following the RFYHA Player Movement Policies, Pat 2nd the motion – approved.

- Showcase team requested use of facilities on July 29th for dry land training.

Dave motioned to charge \$5 per player, Marc 2nd motion – approved.

- **Wiebusch family request for release from RFYHA.**

- Additional information required in order to determine validity of request.
- *Marc* to contact Wiebusch's to obtain additional information (address, school district, additional details of request).

- **Equipment Swap**

- This year's equipment swap will be handled as a tax deductible donation to the association. The swap will be managed by *Jessie Getzie and Dave Buck*. There will be a drop off day prior to the registration date for the collection of equipment. Donation forms will be provided to those who donate items.

BUILDING OPERATIONS

- **Action Items**

- **Facility**

- **Energy Audit** – mention of ice installation in October vs. September needs to be further defined. *Dave* will check into the details.
- **Compressors** – one of the compressor's needs to be replaced before we can put ice in. Approximate cost is \$2,500 without installation. Installation is an additional \$2,000. It is possible we could install with assistance.
- **Condenser Fan** – a new condenser fan is needed. Approximate cost is \$300.
- **Condenser Oil Separation Filter** – a new filter is needed. Approximate cost is \$450.

Jon will be further discussing the options with Rink-Tec.

- **Concessions**

- **Inventory** is needed prior to the start of the season. *Dave* will contact Mary Gribble to see about completing inventory.

- **Skate Sharpening**

- *Mike Culver* of Precision Sports joined us to discuss the possibility of utilizing the skate sharpening services of Precision Sports at the Wildcat Centre. Precision Sports currently has an operation in the Hudson ice rink utilizing drop off lockers. The service is a pay per sharpen or a pre-pay discounted rate. Members of the service receive a member badge with online access to balance information. The collection process for our association was reviewed along with the option of scheduling onsite days or nights on an every other week type basis. As an example pickup by 11am would have a return at 5pm that same day. Team memberships or team collection seemed to be the best option at this point. The service would provide a means of easy access to skate sharpening for our association and there would be a financial return to the association based on the set up of the service.

- **Skybox**
 - An anonymous donation has been offered in support of building an announcer/score keeper skybox above the penalty box area. The board discussed a few items
 - Can the financial offer be considered for uses other than a skybox?
 - There can be no out of pocket expense to the association what so ever.
 - Completion would have to be prior to October 1st, 2009.
 - We will discuss this further with *Brian Sylla* at the August 30th board meeting.

COMMUNICATION OPERATIONS

- **Action Item**
- **Volunteer Committee's**
 - *Marc* to contact *Lisa* to determine status of descriptions and options available.
 - Review *Jody's* offer to post and track services hours vs. the Volunteer Coordinator description and responsibilities.
 - Current assignment and vacancies need to be reviewed. Communicate with the association to fill vacancies.

FINANCE OPERATIONS

- **Action Item**
- **Treasurer Report / Financial Update**
 - *Dan* provided status. Not much change from short term funds needed. Still about \$115,000.
 - **Rink-Tec** – We are in need of immediate payment to Rink-Tec in order to obtain support with needed facilities repairs.
- **Fundraising**
 - **IMMEDIATE INCOME OPTIONS NEEDED**
 - Can trailer – request to association members for cans.
 - Emergency Assessment Fee
 - Auction for buyout of raffle and volunteer hours
 - Stimulus options
 - Tax option benefits
 - Energy efficiency options
 - **River Falls Day's**
 - *Marc* to follow up with notes on process and procedures in preparation for upcoming years and events.
 - Review next year's options for additional involvement and potential income.
 - Tractor Pull – *Marc* to contact Rosanne in follow-up.
 - Beer sales at Hoffman Softball Tournament
 - **Kwik Trip**
 - Extend collection through August 15th.
 - Review Kwik Trip as sponsor on Mite and Atom Jerseys. See website.
 - **Pull Tabs**
 - *Jessie* to look into bowling alley as option to sell pull tabs.
 - **2010 Golf Tournament**
 - Review options to increase revenues
- **Advertising**
 - *Tom* provided update of current list of advertising contracts

- New billing cycle will be July 1st to June 30th. Prorated costs will be available if advertising is purchased during the season.
- **Tom** will provide tri-fold for posting to the website.
- Consider options to allow others to sell advertising for a financial incentive.
- **High School Contracts**
 - To be reviewed at August 30th Board Meeting
- **Insurance**
 - **Tony James** of St Croix Valley Insurance to review current policies and coverage at August 30th Board Meeting.
- **Ice Sales**
 - **Keith Vandell** working on 2009' 2010' Ice Schedule. This will allow us to provide available ice to associations inquiring about ice availability.
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OTHER ITEMS

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NEW ITEMS

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Next board meeting is 6pm Sunday, August 30th, at the Wildcat Centre

10pm Marc motioned to end meeting, Dave 2nd motion - approved